

Quick, Congress, With the Letter

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Fellow by the name of Lyle H. Munson asked Congress a while back for a letter of marque and reprisal. Net, such a document gives you the legal right to operate pretty much as a pirate.

Mr. Munson evidently has no such designs but what he wants to do is interesting.

The man has the idea that the Government has fallen on its face where American prisoners are concerned—Cuba, most recently. He figures the next time it happens, he can tool in there with a helicopter and a few hardy souls armed with ping-pong paddles and spring a few fellow citizens loose.

VOLUNTEERS

This doesn't sound like a scheme that would meet with great approval by the various life insurance companies but Mr. Munson has received calls from hundreds of volunteers.

So I don't think it's the heat that got to Mr. Munson; he appears to be well-grounded in the cloak-and-dagger stuff since he served in both the OSS and CIA.

One volunteer he ain't going to get is that burglar who broke into a home in Yonkers (what are Yonkers?)—and got scared off by a lady who threw a pillow at him. They just ain't making housebreakers the way they used to.

However, there are reports on some really intrepid types who might just fit into Mr. Munson's table of organization.

Like that guy named Joseph Siniscalchi, and there's a bird that has a grudge against him.

BUZZ BIRD

The very second Joe steps outside his house on Long Island there's this bird buzzing him. The bird doesn't

hate anyone else in his family. Joseph has no known enemies except this bird.

Joe said, "It made me mad for a while. I guess it's a friend now. I think I'd miss it if it didn't show up. There's a man with a heart of oak.

If Mr. Munson isn't pleased with this starter I propose the names of three lawyers who represented the Teamsters in their efforts to boot out Jimmy Hoffa.

They asked for a small fee of only \$350,000 and won their law suit which pared this down to a lousy \$210,000. Good solid men.

HUMAN MACHINE

And if all else fails the Navy has developed a machine that can learn.

I am not clear how this machine works, but it seems to have a brain that actually learns as time goes by.

The story says "it holds promise of being able to read write and talk and even to produce itself if given the necessary tools." This the Navy says, not me.

The Navy should really crash-program this machine so we can bail out some citizens, stop the killing in the Middle East, cure cancer,

knock off heart trouble and last but not leastly important Keep that damn bird from buzzing Mr. Joseph Siniscalchi. What the machine does with Mr. Hoffa and his lawyers is up to the machine's mind but for the last time, machine, get that bloody bird off Mr. Joseph Siniscalchi's back.

Otherwise, take me to your leader.

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